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Settlement refusal regarding U.S. Navy SEALs 1-26 v. Biden, Case 4:21-cv-01236-0 (N.D. Tex.)

In response to NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING TO APPROVE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

I refuse the settlement presented. Protections must be put in place to uphold the religious, freedom of speech and bodily rights of our military personnel INDEFINITELY. Temporary training and website proclamations will not protect future active duty men and women from unjust mandates and scrutiny. The current avenues of assistance such as the Command Inspector General and Equal Opportunity programs are formatted to protect the US Navy and not the individual in need.

Religious beliefs are not preferences, they are unwavering, strongholds that can not be abandoned without deep turmoil of self and soul. Imagine being told to abandon what you believe is true and being coerced into doing something you truly do not want to do. Mandatory vaccination of an experimental vaccine can NEVER happen again. Religious accommodation should be treated with the utmost sensitivity, consideration and respect for the individual military members' welfare.

The government has power to name ANYTHING they want as a lawful order. And that gives them the power to strip away rights of its active duty military. Protections must be put in place to uphold the religious, freedom of speech and bodily rights of our military personnel INDEFINITELY.

I remember the turmoil and mental strain I felt when refusing the COVID vaccine during my active duty service. Doing everything I could to keep my military career on track without abandoning my Christian beliefs. I experienced advancement restrictions, ineligibility for Tuitions assistance, weekly COVID swabs when I was asymptomatic, extended FPCON Charlie status and required to attend briefs to sway or intimidate me to get the vaccine. I submitted a religious exception request, an appeal to rejected religious exception request, wrote memorandums in response to administrative councilings, contacted equal opportunity officer and Command Inspector General with no avail.Standing up against the Navy and fighting for your religious beliefs is scary and takes a mental toll. At the end of my 9 years of service, I left disappointed and betrayed by an institution that I served devotedly. I wish it could have ended differently.

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